



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PATRICK H. LYON

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick “Welp” Lyon is the Commander of First Air Force, Detachment 1, Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Detachment 1 is assigned to the 1 Canadian Air Division and Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region Headquarters in support of the bi-national NORAD agreement between the governments of the United States and Canada. Det 1 provides 24/7 support in the defense of the Canadian NORAD Region through planning, generation and execution of U.S. and Canadian aerospace power as well as administrative support to all U.S. military at Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, including the USAF Brigadier General assigned as the Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. Additionally, Lt Col Lyon serves as the Division Chief to the 1 Canadian Air Division Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) Standards and Evaluation Division in support of NORAD and Canadian Joint Operations Command missions.



Lieutenant Colonel Lyon received his commission from the the Air Force ROTC program at South Dakota State University, South Dakota, in 2007. During his career he has held a variety of positions including Evaluator Air Battle Manager, Chief of Group Standards and Evaluations, and Chief of NATO AWACS Mission Crew Simulator Operations. Previous to Command he was the Director of Operations, First Air Force, Detachment 2 and a Mission Crew Commander, Canadian Air Defence Sector, CFB North Bay, Ontario, Canada. Where he lead a bi-national and joint team of USAF and RCAF in direct support of the Canadian NORAD Region mission of air defense and ensuring air sovereignty of North America.

Lieutenant Colonel Lyon is a senior air battle manager with more than 1,000 flight hours including nearly 300 combat hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Science, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, South Dakota State University, SD
2008 Air and Space Basic Course (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
2012 U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Naval Air Station Fallon, NV
2013 Squadron Officer School (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL
2013 Master of Science, Aviation Logistics & Management, SE Oklahoma State University, OK
2020 Master of Science, Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College (Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2007 - June 2008, Student, Undergraduate Air Battle Manager, Tyndall AFB, FL
2. June 2008 - June 2009, Student, E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer training, Tinker AFB, OK
3. June 2009 – April 2011, E-3B/C Air Weapons Officer, 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron,

Tinker AFB, OK

4. April 2011 – September 2012, E-3B/C Instructor Air Weapons Officer and Squadron Resource Advisor, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
5. September 2012 – October 2013, E-3B/C Evaluator Air Weapons Officer and Flight Commander, 552d Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK
6. October 2013 – May 2015, Instructor Air Battle Manager and Flight Commander, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
7. May 2015 – December 2015, Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Director of Staff, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
8. December 2015 – Feb 2017, Evaluator Air Battle Manager and Chief Group Standards and Evaluations, 337th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall AFB, FL
9. Feb 2017 – May 2019, E3A Mission Crew Commander and Chief Mission Crew Simulator Operations, NATO AWACS Operations Squadron, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany.
10. May 2019 – June 2020, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. June 2020 – June 2022, Mission Crew Commander and Director of Operations, First Air Force, Detachment 2, CFB North Bay, Canada
12. June 2022 – Present, Commander, First Air Force, Detachment 1, CFB Winnipeg, Canada

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager
Flight Hours: Over 1,000
Aircraft Flown: E-3B/C, E-3A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 2007
First Lieutenant May 2009
Captain May 2011
Major February 2017
Lieutenant Colonel February 2022

(Current as of Sept 2022)